

Timeline Cards (030204)

<p>1818 Pontiac is founded.</p>	<p>1880s Summer cottages begin to attract more Detroiters.</p>
<p>1959 Michigan State University Oakland opens. Later it becomes Oakland University.</p>	<p>1961 New county offices are built in Waterford Township.</p>
<p>1947 A dam is completed that makes tiny Kent Lake into a huge lake and Kensington Park is opened.</p>	<p>1953 Pontiac Osteopathic hospital opens. It is the largest osteopathic hospital in the country.</p>
<p>1825 Elizabeth Denison becomes the first African American property owner in Oakland County when she buys 48.5 acres from Pontiac's founder, Stephen Mack.</p>	<p>1988 The Palace of Auburn Hills opens.</p>
<p>1984 Chrysler begins a Technology Center in the Technology park area.</p>	<p>1964 I-75 opens.</p>

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<p>1870s</p> <p>Farming grows in Oakland County and the county becomes a leading producer of wheat, potatoes, wool, cheese, butter and pork.</p>	<p>1817</p> <p>The first white settlement in Oakland County is founded by James Graham. He named it Rochester after his wife's hometown in New York</p>
<p>1981</p> <p>A plan is begun for building a technology park along the I-75 corridor.</p>	<p>1830</p> <p>The Pontiac and Detroit Railroad Company is started and the first tracks in Oakland County are laid.</p>
<p>1924</p> <p>General Motors builds a 'proving grounds' to test cars near Milford.</p>	<p>1916</p> <p>Work on a paved road between Pontiac and Detroit is finished. It is known as Woodward Avenue.</p>
<p>1954</p> <p>Northland Shopping Center opens. It is the largest mall in the U.S. at the time.</p>	<p>1939</p> <p>The first drive-in theater opens in Oakland County.</p>
<p>1905</p> <p>The Rapid Motor Company in Pontiac becomes the first auto factory in the county.</p>	<p>1838</p> <p>The present-day boundaries of Oakland County are set.</p>

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<p>1907</p> <p>A Kresge variety store opens in Pontiac. The chain of stores would eventually become K-Mart and locate their world headquarters in Troy.</p>	<p>1854</p> <p>A Plank road is finished between Detroit and Pontiac.</p>
<p>1910</p> <p>The Eagle Theater in Pontiac is the first theater in Oakland County to show movies.</p>	<p>1820</p> <p>Pontiac is selected as the county seat.</p>
<p>1913</p> <p>General Motors Truck company begins in Pontiac.</p>	<p>1928</p> <p>The first airport is built. It is called the Pontiac airport but is located in Waterford Township.</p>
<p>1929</p> <p>The first skyscraper in Oakland County is built. It is 8 stories tall and built by the Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank.</p>	<p>1819</p> <p>Governor Lewis Cass officially establishes Oakland as a county. The boundaries of the county go well into northern Michigan.</p>
<p>1895</p> <p>The first trolley runs in Oakland County. It starts in Pontiac and runs toward the west.</p>	<p>1925</p> <p>The widening of Woodward Avenue is completed. Lakes are filled in . Houses and cemeteries are moved and hills are reduced in order to do this.</p>

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1837 Pontiac becomes the first incorporated village in Oakland County.	1900 Martin Halfpenny builds Oakland County's first self-propelled vehicle.
1975 The Pontiac Silverdome opens.	1896 Postal delivery to farms begins.